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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03180.0283-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Tetsuro NAKASUGI ) Group Art Unit: 2881  
Application No.: 10/763,175 ) Examiner: Smith, Johnnie L.  
Filed: January 26, 2004 )  
For: CHARGED BEAM EXPOSURE )  
APPARATUS HAVING BLANKING )  
APERTURE AND BASIC FIGURE )  
APERTURE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, with a period for response extending through October 27, 2004, please amend the application as follows. Applicant requests the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.